



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS
ANGELES COUNTY[®]
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Honorable Bill Jahn
Chair, Regional Council
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Methodology

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County supports the suggestions for improving the housing distribution proposed by Professor Paavo Monkkonen in [his letter dated July 29, 2019](#).

The three options put forth by the SCAG RHNA subcommittee on July 22, 2019 are contrary to the League of Women Voters of California's positions on:

- [Housing and Homelessness](#)
- [Meeting Basic Human Needs](#), [Urban Policy](#) and [Equality of Opportunity](#),
- [Climate Change](#), [Natural Resources](#), [Environmental Protection and Pollution Control](#)
- [Resource Management](#), [Land Use](#), [Growth Management](#), [Sustainable Communities](#) and [Transportation](#)

In particular, the League objects to the use of local input and recent building permit activity to allocate housing growth. This would reward slow-growth cities and direct growth to areas with unsafe levels of air pollution and heat stress, few job opportunities and long commutes.

The League also supports increasing the Social Equity Adjustment (SEA) to 200% as proposed by Dr. Monkkonen and representatives of Long Beach.

Any housing distribution must take into account jobs-housing imbalance, social equity, environmental hazards and climate change.

The League welcomes the opportunity to work with SCAG to improve the regional housing needs allocation and relieve the California housing crisis.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Nichols, President
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